

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure.**

**Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:**

A router ~~made up firstly of~~includes at least two router modules, ~~only one of which is in~~ an active state at any given time, the others being in a standby state, and ~~secondly of a~~ changeover ~~means capability~~ making it possible to cause one of the other router modules to go from a standby state to an active state when the router module in the active state stops, each of the router modules having connections with one or more networks, and having at least one state machine, each state machine managing the interface associated with one of the connections. In the router, each of the router modules has data storage ~~means capability~~ which, in the active state, enables it to store data relating to the state of ~~said the~~ at least one state machine, when ~~said the~~ machine is in a stable state, and data retrieval ~~means capability~~ for retrieving ~~said the~~ data when a changeover takes place.